

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of MAY, 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December 1946 was estimated to be 498,146, comprising 257,663 males and 240,483 females.

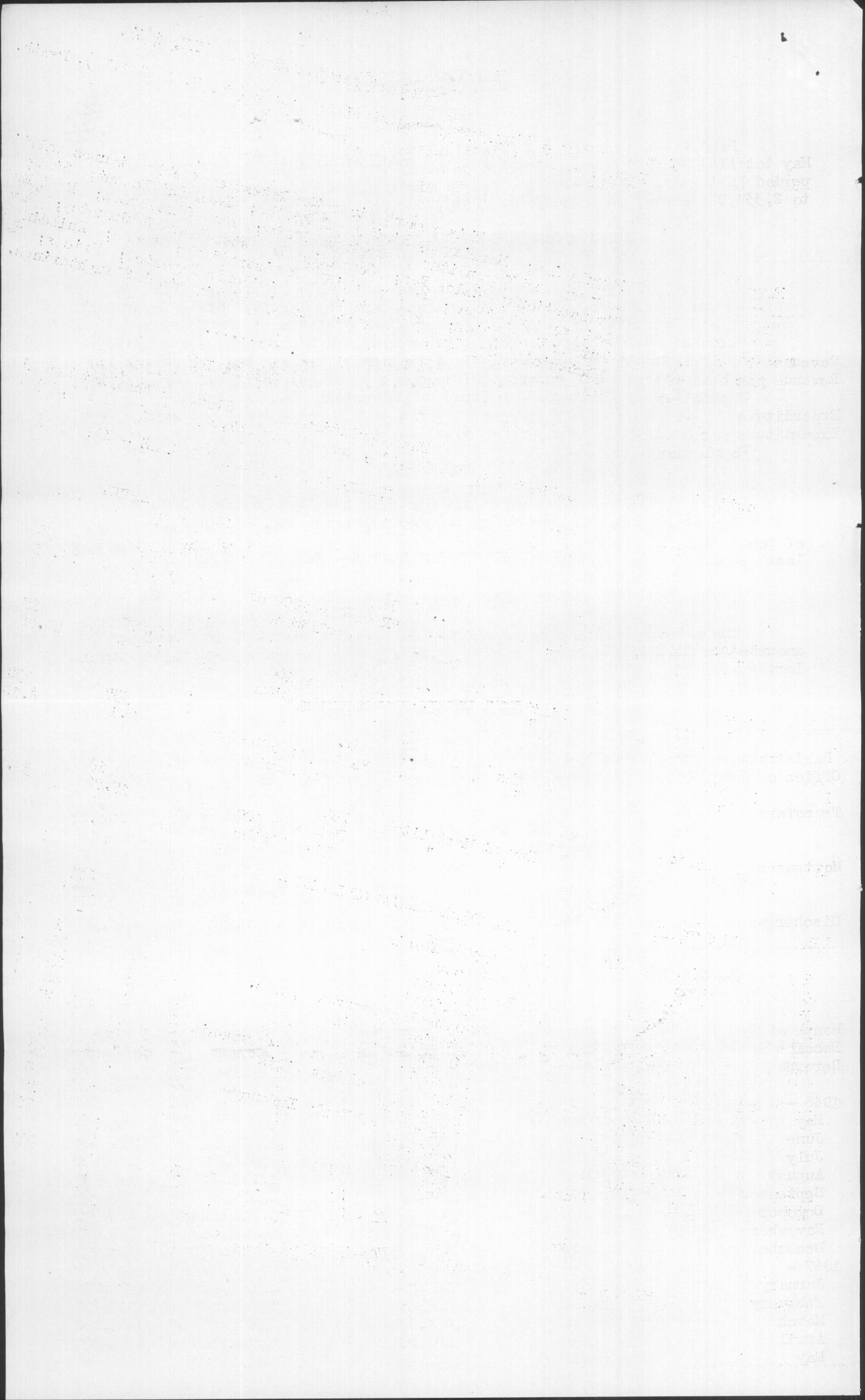
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	No.	APRIL		4 months ended	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages	..	535	472	1,989	1,773
"	..	12.99	11.64	12.11	10.95
Births	..	1,070	817	4,631	3,260
"	..	25.99	20.15	28.19	20.12
Deaths	..	337	332	1,430	1,400
"	..	8.19	8.19	8.70	8.64
Infant Mortality	No.	19	28	143	110
" "	Rate per 1000 live births	17.76	34.27	30.88	33.74

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -

Tuberculosis	17	16	53	58
Cancer	40	41	189	163
Influenza	-	1	1	4
Diphtheria	1	2	3	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	36	34	123	132
Arteriosclerosis	13	7	56	31
Diseases of the Heart	85	95	351	370
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	17	11	77	76
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	3	9	16
Nephritis	18	8	50	42
Diseases of Early Infancy	10	15	67	55
Senility	8	7	41	31
Accidents	18	22	94	106
All Other Causes	71	70	316	310
TOTAL	337	332	1,430	1,400

*Equivalent Annual Rate



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May totalled 248,971 acres, an increase of 170,737 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,334,925 acres, an increase of 1,513,986 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MAY		11 months ended May	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,305,758	1,139,867	12,830,828	12,154,447
Revenue per head of Population ..	£2.12.1d.	£2.6.2d.	£25.15.4d.	£24.14.3d.
Expenditure ..	1,317,259	1,240,121	13,521,960	13,066,417
Expenditure per Head of Population ..	£2.12.6d.	£2.10.3d.	£27.3.1d.	£26.11.4d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st May amounted to £36,098,578, or £71.18.2d. per head of population, as against £37,668,818, or £76.5.10d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 28th May 1947 amounted to £4,259,969, compared with £3,624,630 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	No.	£.	No.	£.
Transfers ..	(No. 1,664	1,784	16,974	13,648
	(£. 776,075	829,651	8,742,167	5,868,218
Mortgages ..	(No. 899	928	9,644	5,819
	(£. 846,830	731,201	8,526,034	4,999,225
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 863	928	8,858	7,208

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1946				
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
1947				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

89 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,898,750, and 39 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended 31st May 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 51 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £818,100, and 20 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Eleven months ended May					
	1947		1946			
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	19	25,352	12,672	9	22,705	8,064
Deeds of Assignment (a)	9	14,014	9,133	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement						

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows:-

	APRIL		10 months ended April	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings	£.	357,800	386,100	3,343,100
Working Expenses	£.	376,848	353,605	3,573,048
Train miles run		597,297	559,584	5,525,015
Passenger Journeys		1,085,110	1,295,826	11,380,374
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods		227,655	242,512	1,975,108
Livestock		11,357	10,596	128,454
Departmental (Free Freight)		35,877	39,882	409,214
Total		274,889	292,990	2,512,776
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods		35,278,421	32,426,907	281,394,633
Livestock		1,260,350	1,348,997	15,779,138
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,369,115	6,148,949	64,511,253
Total		41,907,886	39,924,853	361,685,024
				346,083,097

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA						ENTIRE STATE					
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
Year 1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174				
Year 1946	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513				
1947 -												
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66				
February	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85				
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80				
April	63	34	3	34	95	112	3	48				
May	83	42	1	36	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)				

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA						ENTIRE STATE					
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1945 -												
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501				
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	30,403	25,367	244	5,109				
1946 -												
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794				
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324				
1947 -												
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806	30,777	27,920	304	7,332				
February	20,142	9,151	251	4,983	31,972	29,836	309	7,660				
March	20,298	9,297	252	5,111	32,315	30,471	318	7,866				
April	20,281	9,295	253	5,169	32,327	30,718	325	8,009				
May	20,425	9,419	255	5,243	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)				

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - MAY	91	392	5	3

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - April 1947 and 1946, and 10 months ending April 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian Currency.

EXPORTS

(Including Ships' Stores)

10 months ended

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	10 months ended				10 months ended			
	APRIL 1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	APRIL 1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)
Oversea	1,044	535	8,003	4,625	2,752	2,067	19,756	15,411
Interstate	1,959	1,487	16,920	13,119	453	235	4,013	5,411
Total	3,003	2,022	24,923	17,744	3,205	2,302	23,769	20,822

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
MAY, 1947	105	116,715	3	340	289	19,067	397	136,122
MAY, 1946	174	179,730	25	13,072	271	31,154	470	223,956
11 mths. ended May 1947	1400	1,559,891	84	84,380	2,607	321,221	4091	1,965,492
11 mths. ended May 1946	1169	1,028,787	99	66,383	2,395	294,874	3663	1,390,044

*Including dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme, except those for construction in South Perth Road District and those by Public Works Department.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
MAY, 1947	29	23,906	3	2,295	56	5,669	88	31,870
MAY, 1946	20	15,912	2	5,000	53	5,900	75	26,812
11 mths. ended May 1947	285	241,064	36	15,669	495	54,618	816	311,351
11 mths. ended May 1946	177	128,674	37	19,147	408	35,962	622	183,783

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme.

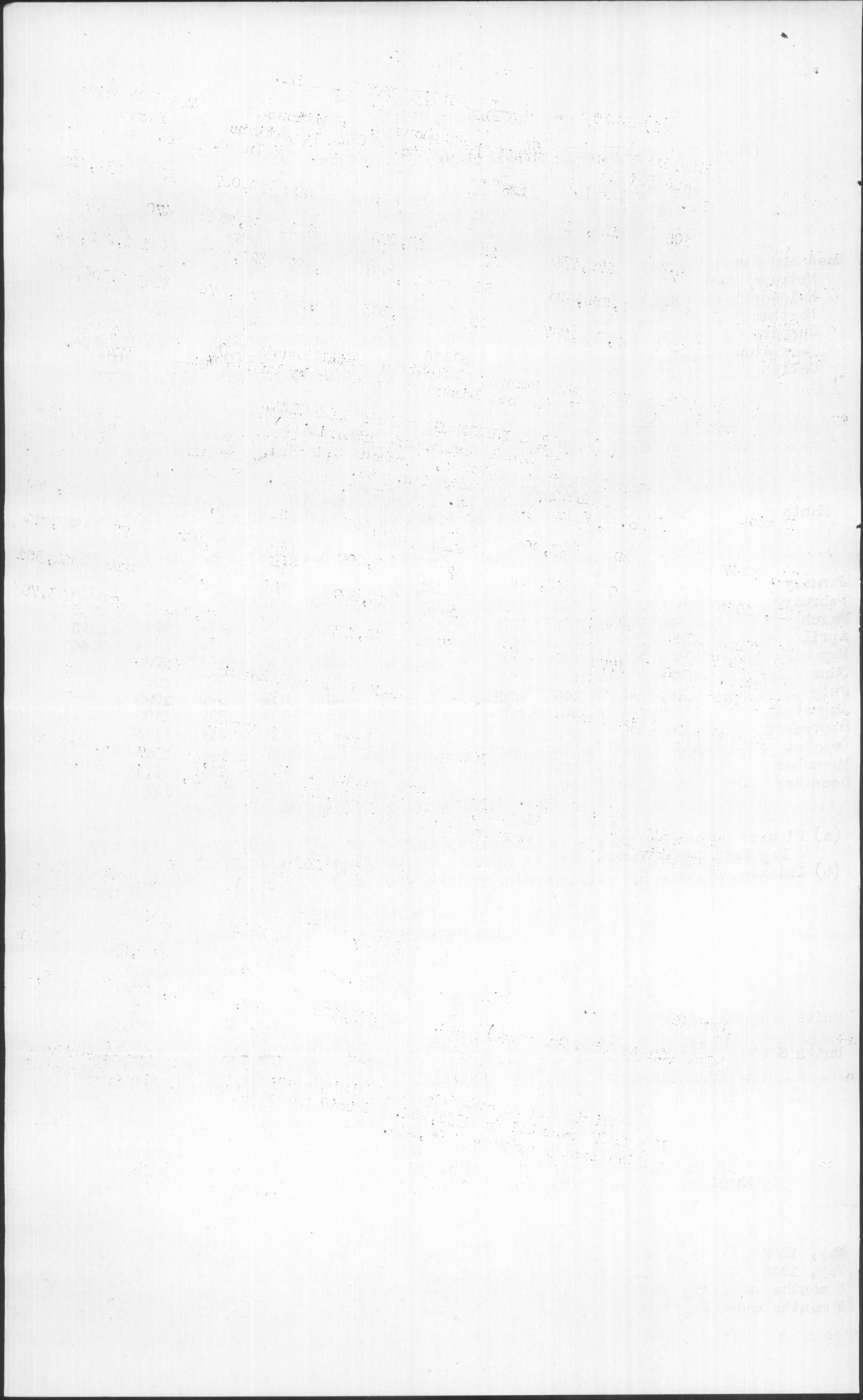
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

246,956 lbs. were produced during April and 11,920,087 lbs. for the ten months ended April 1947, as against 228,097 lbs. and 11,467,167 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

Quantity	Fine Oz.	MAY		5 months ended	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity	..	51,210	46,312	270,534	207,459
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	551,150	498,435	2,911,636	2,232,783

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ended May 1947 amounted to £331,954. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £109,245.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan	1092	1067	1065	1061
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1223	1201	1197	1193
Northam	1112	1082	1080	1072
Bunbury	1091	1064	1063	1050
Geraldton	1116	1092	1089	1085
Collie	1105	1079	1079	1073

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b)				
	(Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					(Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1145
April	134	139	144	153	162	835	827	876	1051	1144
May	131	140	144	154		836	832	891	1069	
June	135	139	145	154		835	829	903	1087	
July	136	140	146	156(a)		828	832	899	1096	
August	136	140	145	157		814	832	897	1109	
September	137	140	143	158		806	834	914	1114	
October	138	140	141	161		801	837	929	1118	
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,079	15,210	182,850	171,624
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	15,313	13,297	155,734	146,003

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs				
					No.	No.	No.	No.
May, 1947	14,278	350	32,632	8,522				
May, 1946	12,167	350	54,206	12,447				
5 months ended May 1947	34,157	1,345	316,854	54,949				
5 months ended May 1946	31,379	1,075	308,302	71,074				

